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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, November 29, 2012**

OPEN SESSION

The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.

Members Present

**Jonathan Mundy (Chairman), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Susan DelMonico, Leo Lariviere
Richard Hathaway, Robert Iacobucci, Kelly Orr**

Members Absent

Michael Cacchiotti

Staff Present

**Cathy Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz, Eden Li
(student)**

Call to Order

Chairman Jonathan Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on October 18th, 2012 were reviewed.

Kelly Orr moved that the minutes be approved. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion.

The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Communications: None

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

Issued Pharmacy Licenses:

A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Kelly Orr, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

NABP Sterile Compounding Initiative

NABP has contracted with the State of Iowa to inspect its 582 nonresident pharmacies. Many of these

nonresident pharmacies also hold licenses with most of the other states requiring nonresident licensure.

The main focus of these inspections will be regarding sterile and non-sterile compounding.

Compounding of Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate Injection

Jennifer Gudeman of Ther-RX, manufacturers of Makena (hydroxyprogesterone Caproate injection), spoke to the Board regarding the fact that many compounding pharmacies are compounding hydroxyprogesterone Caproate injection despite that it is already commercially available as Makena. She asked that the Board somehow remind compounding pharmacies that they are not to compound copies of commercially available products such as Makena. The Board will post a statement on its website reminding compounding pharmacies not to copy commercially available products.

Discussion of Fine Scheduling

Topic of Board imposed fines against violators disciplined by the Board was discussed. In the past, the Board has not used fines as part of its disciplinary actions. It was mentioned that fines may help to deter wrong doing and repeat offenses and may be a helpful option for the Board members when deciding on disciplinary actions. Fines collected

would go to the RI General Treasurer.

Student Eden Li provided some information to the Board regarding other states that are utilizing fines as an option. Cathy Cordy and Patrick Kelly will research the topic further to determine if they would like to offer this as an option to the Board members.

PIC APPEARANCES

There were no new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) appearing before the Board of Pharmacy for the month of November.

5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an OPEN meeting.

Robert Iacobucci made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Kelly Orr seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Richard Hathaway made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 2:31 p.m. Leo Lariviere seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7.0 New BUSINESS

PharMerica Product Verification

Richard Mancini sent an e-mail requesting an exemption or waiver regarding “product verification” in

regulation 13.37 for pharmacies servicing the LTCF community until the pharmacies are able to comply.

Discussion was continued until the next Board meeting in December.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Public hearing was held Nov 13th, 2012 in regards to proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations

Governing Electronic Data Transfer of Controlled Substances in Schedules II and III pertaining to the

PMP Program. The RI Medical Society and ACLU gave comments on the proposed regulations, and

comments were submitted in writing by Advocacy Solutions.

9.0 FINAL ACTIONS

(PH102378) Angelina Chea #12-033(d) 2 yr suspension stayed, 2 yr probation, CE credits

(no number) Mary Margaret Stone (no number) 2 yr probation

10.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Leo Lariviere made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 2:40p.m. Susan DelMonico seconded the motion. The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Albanese

**Chris Albanese, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy**